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1. Zeiss Works: [redacted] "several hundred" technicians employed at the Zeiss plant in Jena have been deported to the USSR. One of the plant directors escaped; the Russians thereupon seized his family. On 25 October 1946, 7,000 workers received their dismissal notices; those remaining are to complete the dismantling of the factory by 31 December. It is believed that the Zeiss installation will be rebuilt in either Moscow or Kiev.

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2. Rheinmetall Borsig: Thirty leading German engineers, together with their families, were deported on 23 October from the Rheinmetall Borsig and Selkado works in Sommerda.

Comment: [redacted] these plants possess fifteen completed V-2 missiles and are working on the reconstruction of this weapon with material supplied from Bleicherode and Nordhausen. The Soviet guard force at both factories was recently increased.

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